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Media blitz brings mixed blessing to city

by Janis Cain

Officials in Butterfly Town, USA, are up in the air as to how to handle a recent rash of telephone calls and visitors in search of butterflies.

When the monarchs returned to Pacific Grove last September and October, they turned out to be much larger — in size and numbers — than in recent years. So spectacular were the sightings that media from far and near inspired a stampede of tourists.

"We're getting about 200 calls a day," reported PG Chamber Director Moe Ammar. "After seeing the stories on network news and in major publications, the tourists are all over us and we are simply not prepared to respond to these calls properly."

PG Mayor Sandy Koffman agreed. When she took a group of friends to George Washington Park on the recent Monday holiday, she witnessed the problem firsthand.

"Everyone was confused," Koffman told the Beacon. "They didn't know what to do, where to stand and how to act. They didn't know the rules and

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One of PG's largest downtown employers moving to Monterey

by Janis Cain

Cary Norman is pulling the plug on his business relations with the City of Pacific Grove. As owner and president of a high-tech electromechanical engineering corporation in downtown PG, Norman enjoys worldwide business opportunities. He says, however, he has never before seen anything quite like PG politics.

"My sense of community has been pretty well trashed," he told the Beacon when we asked why he would re-locate CAN-TRON to Monterey.

A senior electrical engineer, Norman is best known locally for his battles with the City over the so-called "Little Red House" at 662 Lighthouse Ave.

"I've lived here since 1978 and started my business here in '82, but I was totally naive to what was in store for me — until I bought the Little Red House."

The house was in probate when it caught Norman's eye in 1993. He bought the house in May of 1994 and filed an application for a demolition permit the following month. The application was not reviewed until mid-Sep-

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Among artists featured in the opening of the 1996 season at the PG Art Center is photographer Heinz Hubler, focusing on a riveting array of images from the 1995 Carnival in Venice.

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City sets public hearing on Youth Center

by Neill Gardner

Pacific Grove City Council will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26 at the Meals on Wheels Building on Jewell Avenue to consider changes in plans for the Youth Center and to formally award the bid.

At its Jan. 17 session, Council voted to accept the \$569,000 bid submitted by Baptista Construction, although it was

not the lowest bid and was substantially higher than the \$450,000 budgeted for the project.

David Om, owner of AmeriTech Construction of Aromas, protested Council's action on the grounds that his bid was \$105 lower than Baptista's.

"I have never had a bid rejected," Om told the Council. He said the rejection was a reflection on his company.

City Manager Mike Huse said AmeriTech's bid bond was non-responsive, in that it was below the amount of the bid. He said subcontractor addresses were not listed and the firm's financial statement

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Teens in trouble

Two of the three youths arrested in Monterey for the random beating of a minority were from Pacific Grove. More recently, five PG juveniles were arrested for serious criminal activity. The following details are of recent teen-related news from PG Police:

Six area teens charged in felonies

Three Pacific Grove teenagers are in custody, awaiting trial on felony charges of robbery, conspiracy, and possession of a loaded firearm during the commission of a felony. The arrests were made during the January 9 robbery of the Pacific Grove McDonald's restaurant.

The robbery netted a total of six arrests of local teens, and three of the suspects were on duty at McDonald's at the time of the hold up.

PG Police Sgt. Miceal Henderson told the Beacon the arrests occurred simultaneous to the robbery because police had been tipped off to the arpolice

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Criminal complaint expected in phone case

A 14-year old boy has been arrested by Pacific Grove police for making a series of malicious telephone calls. As of Beacon press time, the possibility of a criminal complaint from the District Attorney's office was still up in the air.

The teenager allegedly used the names of actual police officers to falsely identify himself and then told the parties that someone in their family had been involved in an accident or other emergency situation.

One of the juvenile's victims had a telephone call-back feature on his line.

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Felony suspect arrested at PGHS

PG Police arrested a 15-year old boy at PG High School last week, charged with attempted armed robbery, assault and brandishing a replica firearm.

Last Thursday, Jan. 18, a 12-year-old was walking home from school when he was accosted by three teenagers, one of whom displayed a handgun and demanded money.

The intended victim ran from the The

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Cary Norman recalls Little Red House blues

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tember, however, after the City had passed an Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Although the Historic Resources Review Committee — as well as the Community Development Director's office — approved the demolition permit, the reportedly uninhabitable and unsafe structure still stands. Someone appealed the demo permit to the Planning Commission and Cary Norman's plans became a political football. So far, Norman's application for demolition is the only one to be denied — of nine requests — since the City adopted the Historic Preservation Ordinance in 1994.

After spending nearly \$30,000 in legal bills and taxes, he sold the property and says there's no looking back.

"I won't stick my hand in that meat grinder again," he promised.

Chamber of Commerce Director Moe Ammar says PG is losing one of its best employees.

"It's really sad to see a good neighbor move his business to a nearby city," Ammar told the Beacon. "This guy is not only a really nice, ethical human being, he is also a true environmentalist. He rides his bike to work, encourages his employees to carpool, and his manufacturing business is clean and highly desirable for us."

Criminal calls traced to 14-year-old

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The party first called PGPD, as instructed by a message on his answering machine, but when told the police had not called him he did his own investigation. Using the call-back feature, he found the number went to a private residence. He then recontacted the police who spoke to the juvenile's mother and arranged to have him come into the police department.

Cited and released to his parents, punishment for this juvenile now rests with the probation department. Earlier this week it was unknown whether the youth would be released with a scolding, or whether the District Attorney would issue a criminal complaint.

Seven calls were reportedly made on January 19. Since the arrest several additional victims have reported similar incidents to PGPD.

McDonald's robbery

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police were tipped off to the arranged crime.

"One way we learned of the planned robbery," Sgt. Henderson said, "was through the manager of another McDonalds — at the Del Monte Shopping Center, who had heard about the employee-planned crime."

Police officers staked out the area from shortly before closing time until about 10:15 pm when the alleged robbers arrived at McDonalds. The suspects were wearing masks and carry-

Forest
Grove
School
kids
learn
all
about
seafood



Forest Grove Elementary students took a field trip to John Pisto's Abalonetti's on the Wharf last week, where they learned to identify the looks, smells and tastes of Monterey Bay's seafood. Pisto's presentation also includes anecdotes on the history of local fishing.

12-year old runs for help from older teens

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The youth ran from the older teenagers and managed to elude them. Upon reaching his home, he notified police of the attempted armed robbery.

The incident occurred at about 2:45 pm in a greenbelt area between an apartment complex in the 1000 block of Forest and the PGHS campus. The 12-year-old's story was confirmed by three other juveniles in the area who say they saw the incident unfold. All said they could identify the suspect if he were to be seen again.

The weapon used was recovered by school officials in a trash can on school grounds and turned out to be a realistic looking BB pistol.

The following day, Jan. 19, PG Police received information from citizens and PG High School officials leading them to the suspect. A juvenile, his name is being withheld.

Dine, dance and just say "NO!"

"Youth to Youth" overnighter at PGHS teaches life without drugs

by Janis Cain

Having fun in a drug-free environment isn't always easy for PG's population of teens. Not only is peer pressure an obstacle, but the California lifestyle itself often confuses relaxation with zoning out. When their parents were experimenting with drugs in college, few saw the potential for mediocrity should drugs become a part of their daily lives.

"It was like having one arm tied behind my back," one longtime pothead confided recently. "Here I thought I was getting away with something — that I could have twice as much fun as everyone else because I had this big buzz on — but I was only fooling myself."

Making the choice, to live a drug-free life, is the goal of the second annual Youth to Youth Conference coming to PG High School next weekend, February 3-4. All students in grades 8 through 12 are eligible and signups are underway now.

Four primary areas emphasized over the weekend are drug education and information; personal growth and decision making; environmental change; and drug-free fun. To accomplish this considerable attention is paid to the personal growth of individuals in the program and the many ways they can have fun in a drug-free environment.

Group activities promote discussion, sharing and risk taking among other members of the groups — helping teens gain a better understanding of themselves, make new friends, find new ways to have fun in a drug-free environment, and build a shared support for each other's choice to be drug-free.

Workshops include "Creative Dating," "Grief Busters," "Country Line Dancing," "Verbal Judo," and "Conflicts and Compromise."

In addition to the workshops, the weekend includes meals and snacks, guest speakers, an ice cream social, pizza party, and the Saturday night "Party Animal" dance with "cool D.J.s."

Sponsors include the AT&T Pro Am, CSAA, Elisher's Driving School, KCCN, KSBW-8, PG Police Department & DARE, PG High & PTA, PG Middle School & PTA, Kiwanis Club of PG, The Beacon, PGHS School Site Council, Valley Hearing Center, Filippini & Associates, PG Recreation Dept., Trader Joe's, PG Rotary & Californians for Drug Free Youth, Inc.

Conference fees are \$45 now and \$55 after Feb. 1. Students will bring their own sleeping bag, pillow, towel, change of clothes and toiletries.

Time running out at Village

by Neill Garnder

The clock is ticking for some residents of 17-Mile Drive Village. The deal made between Hank Fisher and the city in the mid-Seventies is about to expire.

That arrangement, which allowed Fisher to expand the project by 15 units,

PG cops make 13 felony arrest in December

PG Police report a total of 43 offenses committed in PG during the month of December, with 13 felony arrests.

The crimes included one forcible rape, nine assaults, 10 burglaries, 21 larcenies, and two motor vehicle thefts.

Another 51 arrests were made on misdemeanor offenses. As a result of the New Year's Eve sobriety check points in the 100 block of Central Ave., a total of four drivers were arrested and two were cited. One of those arrested was in possession of Cocaine, Codeine and a hypodermic needle. A total of 465 cars passed through the check point between 9 pm and 1 am.

PG's water credits on agenda at next Water Board meeting

Among items on the Jan. 30 agenda of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District will be PG's request to grant water credits allowing the reuse of water saved by reductions in its golf course and open space irrigation programs.

Additional items include:

—Consider adoption of a resolution submitted by Director Haddad to commit the MPWMD Board, or its successor, to take no action of any kind toward the construction of a new dam on the Carmel River.

—Consider allocation of 150-acre feet of potable water from the CAWD/PBCSD Wastewater Reclamation project.

—Direct staff on development of a multiple-family housing retrofit credit ordinance.

—Reconsideration of an application to amend the Monterra Ranch Water Distribution System permit.

Flood warning technology gives real-time info

The MPWMD recently teamed with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to improve the flood warning system on the Carmel River. Using computer software provided by the national Weather Service, water agency staff can obtain river flow and rainfall information from remote river and watershed locations in "real time" (as it is actually happening).

requires him to rent seven to moderate income tenants and another eight to those with low incomes.

According to Susan Lobo, manager of the apartments, the two bedroom units bring \$1169 on the open market. Seven moderate income tenants pay \$969 and eight with low income pay \$550.

Moderate income tenants will lose their status in June of this year and the low income deal expires in June 1998.

Planning Director Tony Lobay said his office has received a letter from Fisher indicating a willingness to talk about continuing the arrangement. Debra Bergman, a property manager for Fisher, said she thought the project was a "done deal."

Lobay said annual recertification of tenants has not been required under the deal with Fisher. Anyone who qualified at the beginning of the arrangement could have unlimited income later without a rent increase.

According to Lobay, the city is considering acquisition of suitable low income properties, management of which it would turn over to the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey.

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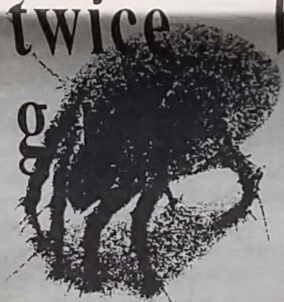
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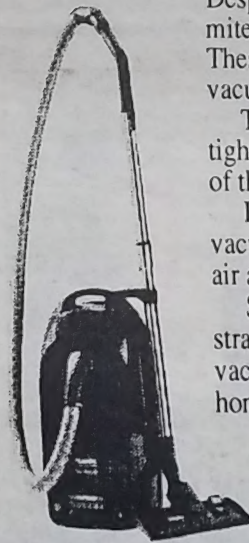
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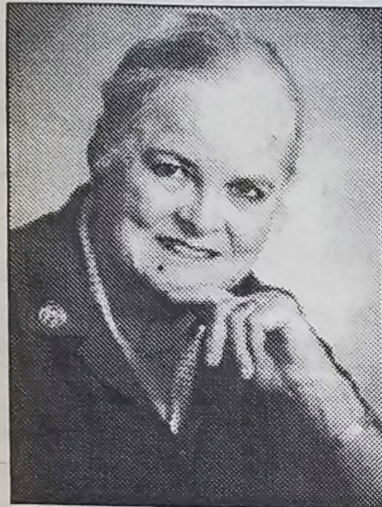
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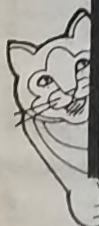
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Gifts in lieu of taxes coming to PG schools

Pacific Grove may have failed on the Parcel Tax vote last fall, but benefactors are receiving high scores in efforts to raise money for better education.

Interim Superintendent Jay Cobb told the Beacon about 30 to 40 checks arrived in the mail so far, and that's without an official fund drive. The Beacon will help sponsor a fund drive for PG education at a latter date, with plans to print the names of all contributors as well as track total funds to date.

The tax-deductible contributions received so far range from the \$35 stipulated by the failed Parcel Tax measure, up to an anonymous \$2,000 donation to the PGHS Library.

"We want the public to know," Cobb told the Beacon, "the contributions are not put in the General Fund and are handled according to the donor's wishes."

Most gifts have been made specifically for improvements to the libraries and the music programs. Some donors mail contributions to PG PRIDE, while others have come directly to the schools. PRIDE provides grants for PG schools and sponsors the upcoming "Great Taste of PG" event at Spanish Bay, where proceeds from 300-400 participants will be granted to education in PG. (Further information on the "Taste of PG" event is located elsewhere in this issue.)

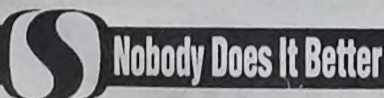
New date and time

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PGHS student Wes Cooley introduced his parents at the DAR "Good Citizen" awards luncheon.

Wes Cooley wins Good Citizen award

Wes Cooley of Pacific Grove High School was among seven high school seniors in the area to receive the Good Citizen Award from Commodore Sloat Chapter, DAR.

Besides holding second place in his class, academically, Wes plays Varsity basketball and tight end on the football team. He has applied to Cal Poly and U.C. Davis, and has already been accepted at the University of the Pacific. His mother and his dad, who is a division chief of the Monterey Fire Department, were on hand to see Wes accept the award.

Others receiving the award, after nominations and votes in their respective schools, were: Quincy Struve, Carmel High School; Zarin Noor, Monterey High School; Kristin Dawn Carlson, Santa Catalina High School; Renee Arnold, Seaside High School; Antja Thompson, Robert Louis Stevenson High School; and Michelle Maruyama, York High School.

Awards are presented every year to the seniors selected by their schools as the

most worthy to receive them. All seven were recognized for their qualities of dependability, leadership, and patriotism.

Writing skills were tested by submission of an essay on the subject "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility to Preserve It."

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution "gratefully acknowledges these young people as our future leaders," reported Gloria Ross Grenfell, Commodore Sloat Chapter, DAR.

Story and photos by Gloria Ross Grenfell



Antja Thompson



Michelle Maruyama

PG teacher writes "Ode to Oliver"

Lane Dowlen, a fifth-grade teacher at Forest Grove Elementary School, has written a children's book vividly describing life along the coast and a special hero, Oliver the otter.

In *Ode to Oliver*, The Adventures of a Sea Otter, elementary grade children will learn all about the habits, foods, friends and foes of sea otters. Sarah, the main character of the story, views Oliver as her own personal pet and the reader identifies with her concerns for Oliver.

The author has lived on the Monterey Peninsula for the past 20 years. She says, "I was inspired to write *Ode to Oliver* while developing my students' descriptive writing skills. Not only can teachers encourage children to write, students can motivate their teachers as well."



New CDF fire station

Just inside the Highway 1 (CDF) fire station, replacing the original Carmel Hill Fire Station on Holman Highway (Highway 68) adjacent to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Community Hospital.

New station has 53-year history

The Peninsula's newest fire station, constructed on a 1.5 acre site donated by Pebble Beach Company, is the result of a public-private effort between five organizations, and its past spans more than half a century.

The original Carmel Hill Fire Station, built in 1943-44, consisted of three single-story adobe buildings on 2.5 acres now owned by Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on Highway 68, "The Holman Highway."

The land originally belonged to Del Monte Properties Company, predecessor to what is known today as Pebble Beach Company. From 1956-1982, approximately 23 acres of land, including the fire station site, was granted by Pebble Beach Company to Community Hospital. In 1965, the Carmel Hill Fire Station obtained a lease with the hospital to remain at the Highway 68 location for 30 years.

For five decades, the Carmel Hill Fire Station on Highway 68 served as a home-base for forest and wildland fire protection crews whose service area included a significant portion of unincorporated areas of Monterey County on the Monterey Peninsula. The station also served to render aid in other unincorporated areas of the County, and to local cities and state localities in need of emergency assistance.

Crew members initially assigned to the station were not only responsible for providing fire protection services, but were directly involved in the preparation and placement of the adobe bricks that became the station house, barracks, and equipment buildings.

The original 3,624 square-foot combination barracks building was a

"U" shaped facility on a concrete slab foundation with a fireplace and wings surrounding a small patio.

The 1,684 square-foot equipment garage with three bays also housed a small office, and to the rear of the building, a small shed provided protection for a standby power generator. A nearby gas and oil house was completed in 1948.

Over time, with changes in fire equipment sizes and types, and as needs for the hospital's services expanded, it became necessary for the fire station to find a new home.

In 1994-95 an public-private cooperative concept emerged. Representatives from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Services, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Cypress Fire Protection District, Pebble Beach Community Services District, and Pebble Beach Company planned the construction of a modern new fire protection facility.

A 1.5 acre site was made available by Pebble Beach Company, and agreements were made between the entities to assist with funding for technical planning and design studies needed to obtain permits for relocation and construction.

After the May, 1995, groundbreaking ceremony, the new station was opened five months later inside the Highway 1 Gate to the Del Monte Forest area, where crews have easy access to the station's service areas and Highways 1 and 68. The two new buildings include a 5,427 square-foot apparatus and office building, and a 3,240 square-foot barracks building.

(Historical information provided by Pebble Beach Company.)

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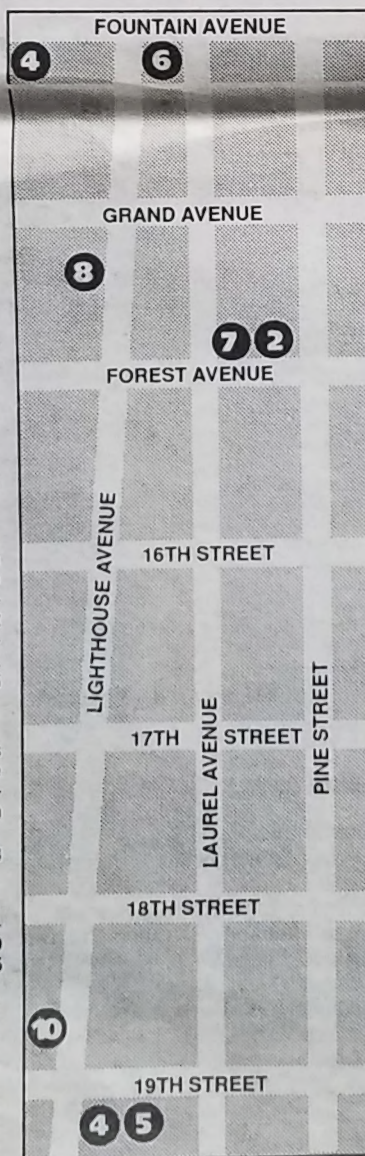
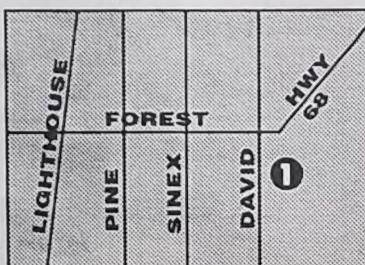
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ABOUT TOWN

Stanford quartet at Mayflower tomorrow

The Stanford String Quartet, featuring Monterey County Symphony concertmaster Phillip Levy as first violin, will perform at PG's Mayflower Church tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 pm.

The performance will include two of the most popular string quartets in the group's repertoire: Ludwig van Beethoven's String Quartet in F minor, Op. 95 "Serioso" and Maurice Ravel's String Quartet in F major.

Tickets are \$16 adults and \$8 children and are available by calling 624-8511.

The Stanford String Quartet has earned critical and popular acclaim for a diversity of programs. Members are Phillip Levy and Susan Freier, violins, violist Benjamin Simon and cellist Steven Harrison. All are acclaimed individual performers of their instruments, and are all senior lecturers and full time faculty in their respective instrument and in chamber music at Stanford University.

PG Art Center opens 1996 exhibits

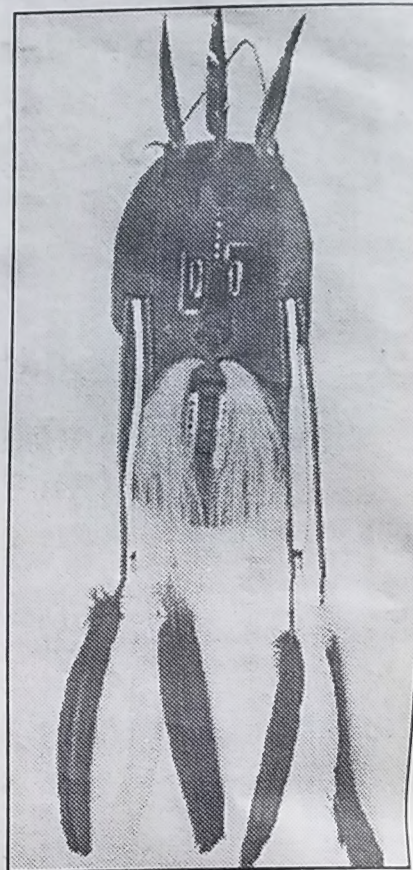
The Pacific Grove Art Center opened its 1996 exhibits this month with a reception for four artists whose work will be featured through Feb. 23 at four local galleries.

Gill Gallery: Keith Lindberg, well known artist and resident of Carmel, exhibits his large, figurative oils on canvas in "Paintings from the Past." Lindberg is known for his bold, bright colors applied intuitively from memorized forms of nature.

Dyke Gallery: John Marsh, Carmel, says painting is like a time machine. "With the power of composition and paint, I can show whatever I fantasize in the most exciting way." Come along on his personal time voyage, "Recent Watercolor Paintings."

Boyer Gallery: Jim Temple displays multimedia Native American, ceremonial masks and reliefs in "Then & Now." Temple received his Art degree from MPC and has exhibited at several Peninsula galleries. Much of this exhibit is a product of Temple's own spiritual creation, influenced by his studies of primitive art as well as his own Cherokee-Cree lineage.

Photo Gallery: Heinz Hubler, Monterey, brings his exceptional and



"Then & Now" — Jim Temple's mixed media show, highlighting primitive art and Native American ceremonial masks, is underway at the PG Art Center, the largest gallery on the Central Coast.

unique photographs to of costumed participants at the 1995 "Carnival in Venice." With his sensitive eye for composition and the subtle nuances of light, Hubler creates a photographic art form of exquisite beauty.

Wilde's "Earnest" comedy on PG stage

Oscar Wilde's amusing comedy of manners, The Importance of Being Earnest, comes to PG Saturday, Jan. 27, 7 pm, at the First United Methodist Church, Sunset and 17 Mile Drives.

Presented as reader's theater, tickets are \$10 per person and include admission to the tea and fundraiser following the performance. A variety of essentials (teapots, tea kettles, mugs and other items) will be offered for sale with proceeds donated to local charities.

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Good Old Days gang needs volunteers

The 39th Annual Good Old Days event is just around the corner and a committee of 25 organizers is now taking calls to sign up volunteers.

Whether you are retired, an active business owner, employed professional, or a student, the April 13-14 celebration is in need of your help. Socializing, networking, or just learning can be fruitful and educational. With over 26 different events during the Good Old Days, you have the flexibility of volunteering in your area of expertise.

Please call one or more of the directors:

Richard Raddle, Golf Tournament: 624-5918;

Jody Aliotti, Youth Activities: 648-3130;

Erma Dinkel, Information: 649-3410;

Dick Seidenzahl, Parade: 646-1857;

Sandy Rundazzo, BBQ: 373-4602;

Dorothy Marie Sardinha, Tea Party: 373-8463;

Jan Hanson, Registration: 372-2749;

Ed Harriger, Police Competition: 648-3147;

David Phillips, In-line Skating Show: 646-5378;

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Sheri Heitz, Kiwanas Breakfast: 372-4421.

These are the Good Old Day



PG's popular "Good Old Days" bring costumes, vintage cars, and old-fashioned fun to "The Last Hometown."

McIntire, Hanson chair Good Old Days

Jerry McIntire — manager of the Rosedale Inn and Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce — and Jan Hanson — General Manager of the American Tin Cannery Factory Outlets and Past President of the Chamber — have been named chairmen of the 39th annual Good Old Days celebration returning to PG April 12-14.

Following the first planning meeting, hosted by the Executive Lodge in PG, Councilman Robert Huitt said he can now clearly understand the reasons behind the continuous success of the event. He praised the event directors and volunteers, some of whom have been involved in Good Old Days for over 28 years.

Moe Ammar, Executive Vice President of the Chamber also thanked the Committee, saying he was grateful for the experience and knowledge gained by the many volunteers.

For more information on the Good Old Days, call the Chamber at 373-3304.

City names Holiday winners in decorating display contest

Winners in Pacific Grove's 9th annual Holiday Decoration Display Contest received prizes and recognition at the Jan. 3 meeting of the City Council. Mayor Sandy Koffman said judging took place after dark on Dec. 16th and 17th, conducted by Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and Rudolph, who awarded points for originality, design, color and lighting.

COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS

1st Place: Palo Pacifica, 213 Grand Avenue.

2nd Place: 17 Mile Drive Village, 1012 Pacific Grove Lane.

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1st Place, Decorated Window: Mrs. Kent Mitchell, 863 Ocean View Blvd.

1st Place, Outdoor Christmas Card: Paul & Margaret Wilcox, 2873 Ransford Ave.

1st Place, Outdoor, Single Theme: The Weeks Family, 532 Beaumont Ave.

Cash prizes and certificates to the winners were contributed by Pacific

Grove's mayor, city council, and city manager. In making the awards, the judging committee noted many beautiful displays around Pacific Grove were not entered in the competition and encouraged residents to participate in next year's contest.

Mayor Koffman applauded "each display that contributed to the spectacular whole effect we have all come to enjoy during the holiday season."

HONORABLE MENTION went to Central Coast Silk Screen, 215 Forest Ave.; Firstworld Travel, 593 Lighthouse Ave.; Rudativ Trading Corp., 199 17th St.; PG Hallmark, 570 Lighthouse Ave.; The Glass Family, 705 Lobos Ave.; 181 Cedar St.; Jacob Shammass, 460 Beaumont Ave.; Bob Cowen, 507 Beaumont Ave.; 801 Jewell Ave.; Clifford Johansen, 1006 Olmsted Ave.; and the residents of 17 Mile Drive Village, 1014 Pacific Grove Lane.

A special acknowledgment was given the Rosedale Inn, 775 Asilomar Boulevard, for orchestrating the entrance of "Bambi," a live fawn who appeared on cue as the judging committee arrived.



Larry R. Krum



Dr. Eric Haag

Krum, Haag join PG Chamber Board

Recent additions to the PG Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are Larry R. Krum of the Lighthouse Group, left, and Dr. Eric Haag, formerly with Community Chiropractic Center in PG, and now in his new practice in Carmel.

Krum is a 1970 graduate of PGHS, attended Foothill College and Westmont College, then joined the Navy, living in Japan for many years. He returned to the Peninsula with his family in 1994 to start his company, which assists small business owners in structuring their businesses for success.

Haag, a native of France, is an active member of the Chamber, serving as an Ambassador, and as a volunteer on the Feast of Lanterns Board. He also serves with the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Flying Doctors. Haag holds an M.A. from Columbia University and his chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic, Minnesota. In

Carmel, he purchased the former practices of Charles Cochran and Harold Lockwood to specialize in chiropractic orthopedics and rehabilitation of the musculoskeletal system.

Stratton, Verbonich named to EDC Board

Sylvanna Stratton, CFO/Treasurer of Hayward Lumber Company, Pacific Grove, and Mark Verbonich, VP of Community Affairs, Pebble Beach Company, have been named to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Officers elected for 1996 are: Chairman of the Board Ben Hill, President Mary Ann Kleine, Vice Presidents Brian Congleton and Jeff Davi, Treasurer Carlos Ramos, Secretary Andy Briant, and Executive Board Member Keith Hanson.

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Butterflies

didn't understand that they were not to pick up the butterflies. Some of them were smoking."

Koffman said the experience brought home the need to expand the docent program at both the Monarch Sanctuary and at George Washington Park.

The Sanctuary is already set up to handle the flow of visitors, but no such design plan has been implemented in George Washington Park, where the bulk of the butterfly population recently shifted.

"Although the butterflies are very popular with tourists, they also need to be protected from tourists who don't understand how to behave around these natural resources of ours," she said. "We need to address a way to get the visitors into the Magic Circle (at George Washington Park) and then move them through the park. We don't even have signs over there."

Mayor Koffman says the City's Natural Resources Committee will work with the Chamber and the Friends of the Monarchs to expand the docent program and address additional signage and informational issues. The City recently printed new butterfly brochures for visitors.

Offenders warm to PGPD's new warning program

Next time you're nabbed for violating the law, smile. Immediately. Under a new PG Police Department program, officers will have the discretion to either totally ruin your day or to let you off with a warning ticket.

The objective, either way, is to educate and inspire better behavior in the future.

Although the warning notices will be used primarily to educate juveniles about bicycling without a helmet, skateboarding and curfew laws, they will also help alert parents of the children's misbehavior. PGPD will mail a copy of each warning notice to the parents. Parents will be encouraged to call the police to discuss the violation.

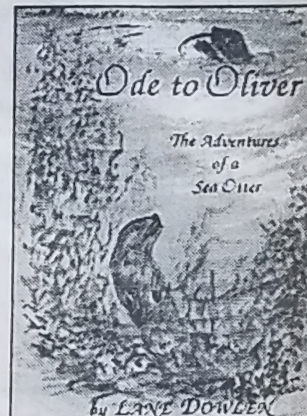
Adults may also be given a break. Minor traffic violations, mechanical defects, and noise complaints may result in a warning, especially for first-time offenders. Minor Municipal Code violations — such as barking dogs, dogs at large and illegal tree cutting — may also qualify for warnings instead of citations.

AT&T celebrity watchers will have some new faces

Among the many celebrities in town for the AT&T Pebble Beach national Pro-Am are George Bush, Clint Eastwood, Bryant Gumbel, Huey Lewis, Bill Murray, Charles Schultz, Alan Shepard, John Denver, Jimmy Connors, and Hal Linden. Kevin Costner and Glenn Frey (of the Eagles) are participating for the first time this year.



Lane Dowlen (above) was inspired to write *Ode to Oliver* (at right) while teaching writing to her fifth grade students at Pacific Grove Elementary School.



Local Author Writes Enchanting Tale

Local author and teacher Lane Dowlen has written an enchanting tale starring Oliver, a feisty sea otter. Follow his escapades off the coast of Monterey as he battles raging storms, escapes from angry sea lions, faces the monstrous Great White Shark and befriends a young girl named Sarah. *For ages 8 and up.*

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Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove, (Christian Church), 442 Central. Adult Bible study 9:30 am. Worship Service (including Children's Sunday School) 11am. Pastor Richard Niell Donovan. 372-0363

First Church of God 1023 David Ave., Pacific Grove. Sunday school at 9:45 am. Worship at 11 am. Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 pm. Youth Nite Friday at 6:30 pm. Pastor Tim Doramus. 372-5005

RACQUET REVIEW

by Matthew A. Foote

The capricious weather has put a damper on play in the past month or so, but we've still got a die-hard group coming down to the Morris Dill Tennis Courts any time there seems to be any hope of playing. We salute these perseverant souls, particularly Lou Van Tyle, Art Gough, Bennett Oelheim, Bo Lindsay, Ray Stauffer, John and Carmen Wood, and Jim Johnson. Thanks for not letting the rain spoil your positive attitudes!

Coming up in March is the Pacific Grove Junior Novice Tournament. Kids age 10-18 from all over Northern California will compete. Without question the tournament will feature some of the future stars of high school, college, and even the pro ranks of tennis. The event will include a strong local representation as well. Meece Villalobos will be making the jump to the 12 and unders after winning the Modesto Junior Novice tournament in the 10s. Mike Wolfner, John Soares, Ryan Felix, Scott Kostyshak, Brian Wilsey, and Jeff Park will all be trying to improve on their Modesto showings. That tournament represented a debut for them on the tournament scene. Tommy Roberts and Brady Shilstone look to make their tournament starts at the PG tournament as well.

Many of the aforementioned will no doubt be involved with the team we are getting together to represent our club. The Tennis Action Council of the Monterey Peninsula is currently organizing a league in which clubs will compete with each other in an effort to stimulate junior tennis in the area. Its a great idea and a great opportunity for kids to get match play. Give me a call at 648-3129 for more information.

Our interclub teams are in midseason and going strong. The C team is coming off a 2-3 loss to Carmel Valley that was preceded by back to back impressive 4-1 and 5-0 wins over Rio Del Mar and Meadowbrook, respectively. In the latter, June Fuge and Wally Fasulo posted their first wins of the season, so kudos to them. Go C team!

The B team is at .500 after falling to Carmel Valley 2-3. Victories by the teams of Joane Light/Dolores Mollring and Wendy Gregory/Nancy Crawford were not quite enough to achieve victory. The team's season has been back and forth all along. Let's hope with five matches left they can get a little winning streak going.

Lastly, The Racquet Club is proud to announce the addition of Devon Owens to our teaching staff. Devon comes to us from Palm Springs, where he was a teaching pro. We boast 100 years of teaching experience between myself, Mark Sydnor, Greg Lehman, Derek Delrosario, and Owens. Between the Morris Dill Tennis Courts and the Racquet Club at the Hyatt Regency Monterey we offer everything any tennis player could possibly need.

Our second spring session of junior lessons will be starting on January 29. The kids have really been having a great time with tennis down here and are learning the game the right way. Call 648-3129 for more info. That's all for now, hope to see you down at the courts.



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419 9TH ST: \$175,000 James Marquardt to Robert Palmer & Virginia Rockwell Butler.
919 MAPLE ST: \$275,000 George L. Heath to Robert J. & Lorraine A. Boerner.
1303 LINCOLN AVE: \$250,000 Melissa Minton to Roque R. & Debonna I. Pinheiro.
451 JUNIPERO AVE: \$270,500 Scott W. & Ann Kalar Stephens to Sandra Sue Looper.
325 BISHOP AVE: \$263,000 Gisela Mickelson to Philip R. & Carolyn J. Choate.
851 SINEX AVE: \$190,000 Mary C. Smith to Donald S. & Geraldine Bolles.
1213 MILES AVE: \$170,000 Robert C. Ecklund to Alison Heller.

Pebble Beach
1046 BRONCHO RD: \$540,000 Garrett A. & Gloria G. Garrettson to William R. & Connie L. Srigley.
943 CORAL DR: \$435,000 Carl D. Johnson to Takaichi Yamaguchi.
1638 SONADO RD: \$600,000 William A. & Norma G. Shaw to William Rytand.
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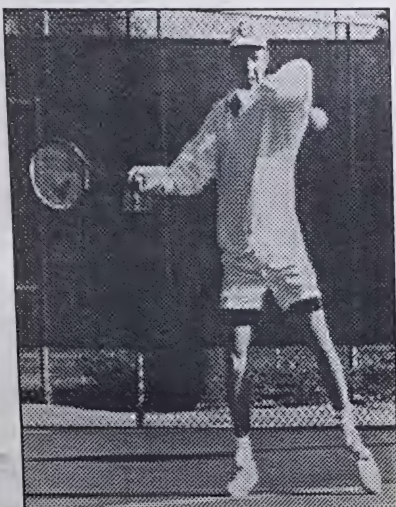
JOHNNY MILLER, who won the AT&T Pro-Am Championship in 1987 and 1994, and who is frequently among the top competitors, will play in the AT&T tournament again this weekend. Pacific Grove Architectural Review Board has granted approval for Miller's 4,200 sq. ft. home to be built on a one-acre parcel on Sunset Drive. John Mandurrango of Carmel is the architect.

Matt Foote wins national tennis title

One local tennis pro experienced some success over the Christmas holidays. Pacific Grove pro and the Beacon's own Matt Foote captured the Fiesta Bowl National Invitational doubles title in Phoenix, Arizona. Taking place Dec. 27-31, the event featured college players and pros from all over the country and boasts past winners that include Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Michael Chang, and Tracy Austin.

Foote, a native of Phoenix, and partner Huy Nguyen, also of Phoenix, had to play their best tennis to capture the event. Foote and Nguyen faced the #1 seeds, Mike Henneberry and Brian Barry, in the first round. Henneberry and Barry are ranked #1 in the Southwest and showed it while getting ahead 5-3 in the third set before Foote and Nguyen fought back to take the match.

From that point on it was smooth sailing for the unseeded team. "After that gritty first match, we really got into a groove and started playing some great tennis," said Nguyen. In the next round they defeated another Phoenix team and in the semifinals took down a University of Kansas team 6-3, 6-4. In the finals Foote and Nguyen faced the big serving team of Tory Hansen from Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona's Mike McKay.



Beacon Sports Editor Matt Foote

A crowd of 100 people watched as Foote and Nguyen displayed stellar tennis in crushing McKay and Hansen 6-3, 6-3 without losing serve.

"We played probably the best tennis we could have played," says Foote. "It's a great honor to get our names on that trophy with Sampras, Agassi, Chang, and Stanford's Alex O'Brien and Jared Palmer." Foote was a nationally ranked junior player and played singles and doubles for the University of Arizona before graduating in December 1994. He now teaches tennis at the Morris Dill Tennis courts in Pacific Grove.

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Youth Center

was not current.

In Huse's report to Council, he listed scope-of-project reduction measures that might be considered. He included not finishing the second floor interior, not completing the kitchen, alternatives to hardwood floors and using city employees for trenching and connecting utilities.

Staff will negotiate with Baptista prior to the Jan. 26 hearing. Huse suggested some smaller funding of the shortfall might come from reserves.

In other action, Council:

+Heard from property owners concerning historic preservation in the 900 block of 14th Street. Councilman Steve Honegger, who was absent, had asked that the matter be continued until the Feb. 7 meeting.

+Unanimously accepted Mayor Sandra Koffman's appointments to 12 boards and commissions. Councilman Vern Yaden suggested spreading the process over a longer period, but Koffman said it wasn't all that bad once

underway. Terms will expire on Jan. 31.

+Approved spending \$6900 to clean up hazardous materials at the Fire Station.

+Approved route and stops for the WAVE bus. Orville Phillips voiced support for the bus on environmental and economic grounds. Yaden reminded Council that Monterey Bay Aquarium has given the WAVE \$100,000.

+Scheduled a Council Retreat at Asilomar for Feb. 22 at 3:15 p.m.

+Named Judith MacClelland Employee of The Quarter. MacClelland joined the city as a temporary employee in 1973, has risen to the post of Chief Planner.

+Installed Richard Stillwell's three-minute speaker warning, complete with green, amber and red lights and a siren. Former Councilmember Bud Nunn was first to try it out.

+Moved discussion of historic preservation law to Feb. meeting.

+Asked staff to prepare graffiti program.

+Scheduled a Feb. 7 public hearing on economic strategy.

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City Newsbriefs

PG firefighters responded to 1,432 calls during 1995. That's up about 10% over the previous year.

Among the dispatches were 37 fire calls, 713 medical emergency responses, 17 hazardous materials calls and 15 structure fires. Total property/structure loss for 1995 was \$170,000 and the average response time on a first alarm incident was about three and one-half minutes.

PG's hyperbaric chamber for scuba diving difficulties was used in 13 local ocean rescues and 18 from out of town.

Terrible Tuesdays. Tuesdays, between noon and 2 pm, were the most popular hours to request help from the Fire Department. No one knows why, it's merely a statistic.

Greaseballs trapped. Most of PG's restaurants, delis and coffee shops are complying with the new grease trap ordinance.

In an effort to cut out the fat that would clog sewer lines and pump stations, the regional Water Pollution Control Agency inspected 97 local establishments last year. All but 18 have fully complied with the rules, one of which is **The Tinnery**, currently waiting for completion of the Lovers Point pump station improvements.

Grease dumped down the drain increases the possibility of raw sewage overflowing the sewer system and escaping into the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary.

Employee of the Quarter. The City honored Chief Planner Judy MacClelland last week as the second Employee of the Quarter.

MacClelland has been with the city for 23 years "and is constantly praised for her interpersonal skills," noted City Manager Mike Huse. "She is an outstanding individual who has the ability to organize and get things done in an efficient and effective manner."

Tree responsibilities uprooted. The Tree Ordinance Review Committee was dissolved earlier this month. The Committee will forward its reports and recommendations to the Natural Resources Committee.

Tourism up. Statistics provided by the Museum of Natural History staff reveal that attendance is up at both the Museum and the Point Pinos Lighthouse. Comparing Oct. 1995 with Oct. 1994, the increase was well over 57%, jumping from 8,112 to 12,761. Broken down, it worked out to a 25% increase at the Museum and a 100% increase at the recently refurbished Lighthouse.

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Ah, my competitors. If not for them how good would I be?

My competitors sometimes do more for me than my friends. My friends are too polite to point out my shortcomings, but my competitors are attentive, hard working and "Johnny-on-the-spot" to point out any weaknesses they can find.

They keep me alert and inspire me to find new ways to improve my services. In other words they force me to find a higher level, a better way ultimately to succeed.

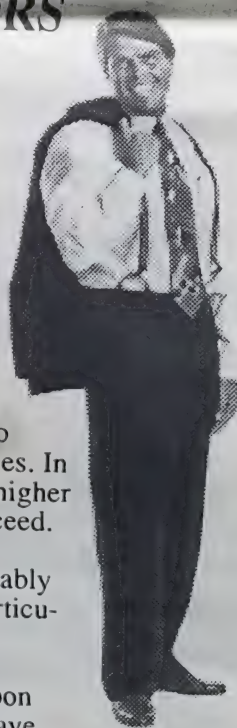
If I had no competitors I would probably be less efficient, attentive, and in particular, resourceful.

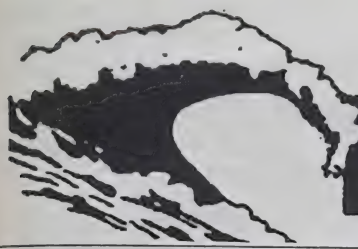
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Pacific Grove High School NEWSBREAKER

Youth-2-Youth: Second Annual Drug-Free Conference Coming Soon

by Alexis Filippini

Mark your calendars for the weekend of February 3 and 4- PG High's second annual Youth to Youth conference. This drug free weekend begins Saturday morning and ends Saturday afternoon. Everyone is invited, and the cost is \$45 per participant before February 1, and \$55 afterwards.

Youth to Youth is an international organization, and there will be participants and staff from all over California. The conference is open to anyone in grades eight to twelve. It doesn't matter whether or not you are currently drug free, currently use, or have never experimented with drugs or alcohol, everyone is welcome. The program is run by kids for kids, with little adult involvement other than security and administration.

Who is taking backpacks?

by Darryl Glass

Lately the library has been experiencing a tremendous amount of book theft, so a new policy has been established. When students come to the library with their classes, their backpacks don't. The packs must remain in their classroom.

Mrs. Anderson, PGHS's librarian, says, "I don't think all the books are stolen deliberately, I bet most are taken unintentionally." But the end effect is that the library has experienced thousands of dollars worth of book losses.

Some of the stolen books will be replaced, but to prevent more book theft the library has ordered a theft detection system. Mrs. Anderson continued, "The theft detection system was not something I wanted to see the library get, but it is what we need to help reduce book disappearance."

Book bags will continue to be allowed in the library during break and lunch, but someone who is taking books without going through proper checkout procedures can expect serious consequences.

Farewell Ms. Bennett

by Andrew Biddle

Macintosh wizard and friend Ms. Hillary Bennett will be leaving PGHS for the greener pastures of a full time computer position at Hartnell college, but she will be sorely missed here at PGHS.

Ms. Bennett helped students understand the complex world of spreadsheets and the finer points of word processing. She kept PGHS's Mac Lab open after school and provided students with their only opportunity to access the school's computers outside of going to the lab with a class.

It will be very difficult for students to finish projects or type a paper now that Ms. Bennett is gone.

The \$45 includes all meals for both Saturday and Sunday, speakers, workshops, and tons of fun. The keynote speaker, Jennifer Gunter is from the Jostens Speakers bureau and will present an entertaining motivational speech about achieving dreams.

The best part of Youth to Youth is family group time. Everyone will be part of a family group, with two staff leaders (teenagers) and about ten participants. Each family group becomes your "family" for the weekend, people with whom you can share your thoughts and feelings. By Sunday, several family group members will have become close friends.

Each participant will select two workshops, one informational and one just plain fun. Workshops to choose from

will include veil dancing, balloon art, sign language, achieving victory, and loving and lasting relationships. Later that night a dance extravaganza unfolds, including pizza and ice cream, as well as an amazing bar serving virgin cocktails. The dance refreshments an entertainment are being coordinated by the woman who organized Sober Grad Night, so be prepared to see some familiar sights.

So when you make plans for February 3 & 4, don't forget the Youth to Youth conference— an exciting way to spend a drug free weekend. Ms. Briscoe has scholarship money available, so don't let \$45 keep you from attending. If you have any further questions call 373-2800 for more information or see Ms. Briscoe. Hope to see you there!

You're running out of time: Get a date!!

Susan Howe and Alexis Filippini

The date for the 1996 Winter Ball which was to have taken place on January 13th has been changed to February 10 mainly because of security conflicts. The event begins at eight o'clock and will last until eleven.

The price is \$25.00 dollars per person. Students are encouraged to purchase tickets early because the process will increase to \$30.00 the last week.

This dance is a semi formal occasion. Those who attend should use good judgment in selecting nice suits or dresses. The Royal Court will include a King and a Queen, two Senior Attendants and three class princesses.

"An Evening Under the Stars" will be

Holocaust Relived

Holocaust survivor, Harold Gordon will be on campus Saturday, February 3rd at 4:00 p.m. to speak to students about his experience as a teenage boy who endured Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Mr. Gordon gives a moving message to teenagers: "Put Hate on Hold".

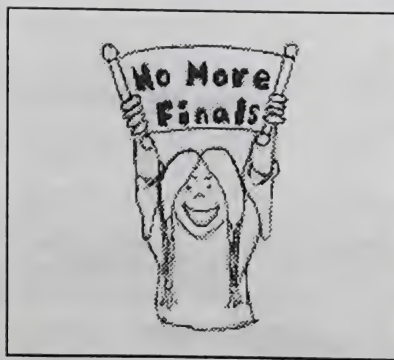
As a result of his life experiences, he is convinced that anyone can change his life here and now. Gordon urges people not to blame anybody for what happens to you, because negative thoughts only hurts the one who is angry.

The number burned into Gordon's arm saved his life. Those with members were not sent to the gas chambers. His indomitable spirit endures today, and his story is extremely moving.

The public is invited and the event will be happening the Breaker gym. Take the opportunity to see this talented author at his best.

this years theme, chosen by ASB secretary, Paola Villacres. She says, "It's going to be the best! The decorations will be outstanding and the dance floor really big. It's well worth the money. There will be a dessert bar with something for everyone taste and of course a great DJ. I'm really looking forward to it!" And so are we!!

Winter Ball will be held upstairs in the Marriott, not at the Three Flags Cafe, where it was previously scheduled. It will be a much larger area with access to fresh air and most importantly a great dance floor. This is sure to be a special event, so get dressed up dance the night away on February 13th.



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Sports Corner

Boys' Soccer

The Pacific Grove High School boys' soccer team is on a roll. Currently in fourth place in league, Breaker Boy's have surprised many in the league. A major surprise came when the Breakers smashed the Gonzales boys with a score of 3-2. Gonzales High School was the league champion last year, and still hold a good team. The scorers of that game included Peter Tower and Mike McArthur. Although the boys' had a big upset against York last week with a score of 3-0, they still have a slight chance of going off to CCS. The boys' season ends on February 6th, with a home game against King City.

Girls' Soccer

The girl's soccer team has been doing really well this season. The girls' are either in 3rd or 4th place in league right now, and have a slim chance of going off to CCS. The last few games have been disappointments to the Lady Breakers, being dominators of the game, yet having difficulty with scoring. However, the girls still have three more games to show their talent. The next game will be held at Carmel Middle School on January 30th at 3:00 and their last home game of the season will be on February 1st against Gonzales at 5:00. Come on out.

Boys' Basketball looks to CCS!

Over the month of January the boys' varsity has played very well. Just before January the boys traveled to Los Gatos and Pioneer to play basketball; and to win. The Breakers defeated Pioneer but just could not beat Los Gatos. The Breakers ended their pre season with an amazing record.

Starting the regular season off against King City, the Breakers came home victorious. They did it again and again against Palma and Gonzales, and moved their way up to the Number 1 team in MTAL.

In addition the Breakers kept their record of their 17 home game winning streak, however, disappointedly broke it by losing to RLS by a mere two points. Nevertheless, the Breakers are still on a roll and are keeping their chins up high.

Lead by team captain, Dan Powers and other seniors Alex Lorca, Wes Cooley, Nate Holdridge, Larry DaSilva and Jay Peiffer, the Breakers are looking forward for C.C.S championships, cross their fingers and hope for the best.

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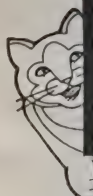


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Katelyn Marie Allen was born 12-28-95 to Dale Patrick Allen and Kimberly Ann Allen, Pacific Grove.

Logan Kyle Hart was born 12-30-95 to Kyle and Katie Hart, Pacific Grove.

Michael and Sarah Spadoni, twins, were born 12-31-95 to Robert and Maryann Spadoni, Pacific Grove.

Caleb John Tumparov was born 12-16-95 to Nicole Tumparov, Pacific Grove.

DEATHS

VIVIAN JEANA DALTON, 66, Pacific Grove, died Jan. 19 at her residence.

Born in Lemoore on Jan. 20, she was a resident of Pacific Grove for 60 years, both a homemaker and a former employee of Holman's Department Store. She was known for her great sense of humor and her highly collectable handcrafted jewelry boxes.

Mrs. Dalton is survived by her husband, James L. Dalton of Pacific Grove; daughter, Cheryl Moreno of Menlo Park; brother, Robert Clement of Lemoore; mother, Rose Bello of Lemoore, and two grandchildren.

The family suggest contributions in her memory to Hospice House, P.O. Box 1798 Monterey, CA 93942.

EUGENIA ELIZABETH "JEAN" HELM, 76, a resident of Pacific Grove and Monterey for 25 years, died Dec. 29 at Hospice House from complications following a stroke.

Born Oct. 7, 1919 in Memphis, TN, Mrs. Helm was a telephone operator for 15 years with Pacific Bell and other telephone companies. She was also a volunteer for the Salvation Army and Geriatric Volunteer Services.

Mrs. Helm is survived by her son, Walter M. Schumacher, Jr., Yuma, AZ, and daughters, Linda I. Heidt, Chicago; Carol M. Wroblewski, Michigan City, IN; and Laury L. Lazo, Dublin, CA; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Hospice of the Central Coast, P.O. Box 1798, Monterey, CA 93942.

HELEN ELBA HELWIG, 83, formerly of Pacific Grove, died Jan. 8 at Salinas Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 4, 1912 in Albany, KY, Mrs. Helwig was a cashier at Holman's Department Store and, with her late husband, was part owner of the Pacific Grove Laundry. She was a 60-year resident of Monterey County.

Survivors include her son, Richard W. Helwig, Salinas; daughter, Shirley

Mellerio of Newport, OR; sisters, Bonnie Ameral of Fremont and Bessie Burt of Seaside. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Mrs. Helwig was predeceased by her husband Charles and her son James Kenneth Helwig, who died in 1995.

The family suggests memorial contributions in her memory to Salinas Care Center, 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93906.

CLARENCE LUCAS, 86, a 58-year resident of Pacific Grove, died at home on Jan. 5.

Born June 17, 1909, in Longview, TX, Mr. Lucas worked for 48 years as a barber at Ft. Ord and at the Royal Barber Shop in Seaside. During WW II he served as Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove, Friends of the Library in Pacific Grove, the Peninsula Lodge No. 46, Prince Hall Affiliate, and the American Legion No. 46. He was the Chaplain of the Senior Citizens Club of Pacific Grove.

Mr. Lucas is survived by his wife, Bessie R. Lucas of Pacific Grove, and by his sisters: Vorease Allen and Reba Bradford, both of Longview, TX, and Bernice Talley of Chicago.

The family suggests contributions in his memory to the First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 246 Laurel St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

EMMA MANN, 97, formerly of Pacific Grove, died Jan. 8 at Monterey Pines, Monterey.

Born Sept. 2, 1898 in Philadelphia, PA, Mrs. Mann was a homemaker and also owned Mann's Grocery Store in Seaside during the 1930's and '40's with her late husband. She was a member and Past Noble Grand of the Cypress Rebecca's Lodge in Pacific Grove.

Mrs. Mann was preceded in death by her husband Louis Mann, who died in 1960.

Friends suggest memorial contributions to the donor's favorite charity.

JOSE ANDRE SILVA, 63, Pacific Grove, died Jan. 12 at his residence.

Born Oct. 30, 1932, in Horta, Fial, Azores Islands, Mr. Silva lived in Pacific Grove for 36 years and was a printer for The Herald for 20 years, retiring at the age of 62. He was a member of St. Angela's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Society and the International Typographical Union (which became the Communication Workers of America). He also belonged to several Portuguese Societies: S.E.S., U.P.E.C., I.D.E.S. and F.D.E.S.

Mr. Silva is survived by his wife, Idalina Silva, Pacific Grove; sons, Joe and Anthony Silva, both of Monterey; daughters, Anna Marie Cardose and Evelyn Silva, both of Pacific Grove; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Hospice of the Central Coast, P.O. Box 1798, Monterey, CA 93942.

EDITH TUBBS HERRING, 98, Pacific Grove, died Dec. 28, at Carmel Convalescent Hospital.

Born Jan. 4, 1897 in Silver Falls, WI, she was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and continued her studies at

the University of Chicago School of Education. She became director of physical education for the Stockton Elementary Schools in 1920 and served with the Stockton Council of Camp Fire Girls.

She volunteered her time for over 25 years as a Camp Fire Guardian and as superintendent of the First Congregational Church Sunday School Kindergarten.

A resident of Pacific Grove since 1958, she was active with the Nature Conservancy, the Audubon Society, the World Affairs Council, and the Church of the Oaks.

Married for 60 years, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E. Herring. Survivors include her daughters, Jean Glazener of Menlo Park, Martha Pister of Bishop, and Claire Dander of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and a sister, Vidle O'Dell of Glastonbury, CT.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, 93950, or to the donor's favorite charity.

GEORGE ALLEN HANSEN, 52, Pacific Grove, died Dec. 9 at Monterey Convalescent Hospital. Born Jan. 29, 1943 in Monterey, Hansen earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from U.C. Berkeley in 1965. As an electronic engineer George Hansen devoted his entire career to government service, starting at the Fleet Numerical Weather Facility, Monterey, then moving to the US Navy Oceanographic Office, Suitland, MD, and then to the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System Program Office, Washington DC where he was a highly respected expert in signal processing software design. As the program manager for the SOSUS Workstation development he made significant contributions to our nation's Anti-Submarine Warfare capability. He retired from government service on June 30, 1995.

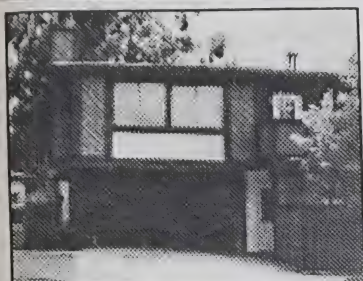
Hansen is survived by his aunt, Bertha Freund of Palo Alto, and cousins Helen Seiter of Palo Alto, Margaret Peters of Half Moon Bay, Dorli Hitz of Switzerland, and Peder Hansen of Denmark.

A memorial service will be set at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions in his memory to the donor's favorite charity.

HAROLD PONTIUS PARKS, 84, died Dec. 5 at home. Born Aug. 11, 1911, in Freeport, IL, he lived in Pacific Grove for 33 years.

During his 25 years of Naval service Mr. Parks was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V, Purple Heart, Army Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, American Defense Medal with Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Defense Ribbon with Bronze Star, United Nations National Defense for Korean Service, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Independence Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and Prisoner of War Medal. He retired as a Lieutenant.

Survivors include his wife, Retired Senior Chief Personnelman, U.S. Navy, Janet M. Parks; daughter Carla Ann



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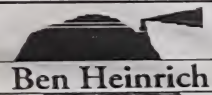
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Losses due to consumer fraud are estimated to be at least \$21 billion a year! This nation-wide total includes statistics from PG, where the swindler's prime target is the senior citizen.

Here are good rules to follow **all the time** -- whether or not you suspect a fraud:

1. Don't be afraid to say "no." High pressure tactics can convince you to buy something you don't want or need.
2. Don't believe something-for-nothing offers. You get what you pay for.
3. Be suspicious of high-pressure sales efforts.
4. Take your time. Think about the deal before you part with your money.
5. Get all agreements in writing. Insist that the agreements are in "plain English."
6. Read all contracts and agreements before signing. Have a lawyer examine all major contracts. NEVER sign a blank contract of any kind or one with blanks to be filled in later.
7. Compare services, prices, and credit offers before agreeing to a deal. Ask friends what their experiences have been with the firm or service in ques-

tion.

8. Check the firm's reputation with your Consumer Affairs Office or local Better Business Bureau. If they're legitimate, they won't object.

Remember... If you are conned, contact the police. If you don't report fraud, you're only helping the crooks. That's just what they are counting on.

Cookies! Cookies! Girl Scouts raise big bucks from sale

Girl Scout cookies are on sale now. Pre-orders are taken through Jan. 28, and deliveries begin Feb. 10. Booth sales begin Feb. 17.

Last year the Girl Scouts in the Monterey Bay Council sold more than a quarter million boxes — that's 4.5 million cookies — and raised \$450,000 for Girl Scout programs and activities.

The cookies are \$3 per box and consumers have a selection of eight different kinds. Call 1-800-MB GIRLS for telephone orders.

Milestones continued

Cashion, Shingletown, three grand children and three great grandchildren.

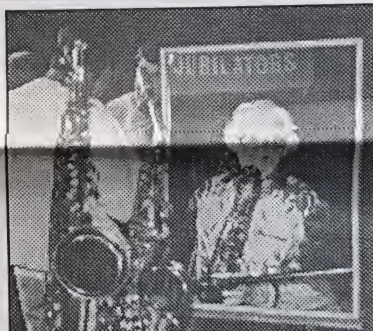
The family suggests memorial contributions to the VNA, Hospice of the Central Coast, or the donor's favorite charity.

JAMES S. REID, 92, died Dec. 4 at Beverly Health Care Center. Born Oct. 24, 1903 in Salt Lake City, Utah, he was a resident of Pacific Grove for 53 years and a member of the LDS Church. Employed as a Civil Servant on Fort Ord, in the ordinance department, he retired in 1967.

Survivors include sons Ronald T. Reid, Port Angeles, WA, and Sheridan D. Reid, Burbank, CA; sister Gloria Hanni, Salt Lake City; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

EDNA M. LEWIS, 88, well-known throughout the Peninsula for her volunteer efforts and jazz performances, died Dec. 14 at the Hospice House. Born July 18, 1907 in Seattle, she was a saxophonist for 76 years, playing many years at Chautauqua Hall for Pacific Grove's Saturday night dances. Up until a few weeks ago, she played for the "Active Seniors" in Salinas. Recently, she completed eight hours of audio-taping for the Smithsonian regarding her pioneering efforts in American music.

For 74 years Ms. Lewis was a member of the Central California Musician's Union #210 and a lifetime member of #616 Musician's Union, Monterey Bay Hot Jazz Society, Watsonville Band, Del Monte Express and Dixieland, Inc. She served as the 1995 Grand Marshall of the Monterey Dixieland Festival. Meals on Wheels and the Alliance on Aging were beneficiaries of her musical gifts. Also, she established the Edna M. Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund for Music Students.



Edna Lewis' extended family threw a jazzy memorial for her scholarship fund. The well-known performer died Dec. 14 at the age of 88. Donald E. Dean photo

Also well-known as a champion of women, Ms. Lewis is survived by several cousins and many friends who were her extended family. Friends suggests donations to her scholarship fund, c/o Monterey Bay Hot Jazz Society, P.O. Box 2765, Monterey, CA 93942, or to the donor's favorite charity.

Paul Mortuary, Pacific Grove, was in charge of all the above funeral arrangements.

Inspirational Gems

Compiled by Marilyn Bell

When I consider the heavens,
the works of Thy fingers;
the moon and the stars
Which Thou hast founded;
What is man that Thou art
mindful of Him?

Psalm 8:3-4

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luke 1:37

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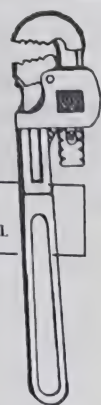
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Club Corner by Nadine Annand

NEW YEAR SAME GOALS — The second Wednesday of the month is Lighthouse Keepers meeting date and has been for almost 53 years. So, January 10, 1996, was no exception. Meeting at the Casa Munras for dinner, new officers took over the duties.

Dolores Robertson, who has served as president two if not three times through the years, was installing officer. Her rhyming descriptions of duties livened the ceremony.

Installed were Jean Sanchez, president; Gay Millette, vice president; Bea Ward, recording secretary; Jo Wallace, treasurer; Marie Lopez, corresponding secretary and Marsha Burchett, board member. Secret pals were revealed with lots of surprises due to careful plotting in some cases. The year's activities will include programs, scholarship awards, Bingo Barbecue and special events.

THE YEAR CONTINUES — Halfway through the year, Monterey Peninsula Community Thrift Shop (volunteers are needed) became better acquainted and more knowledgeable about the Blind and Visually Impaired Center at the annual meeting when Rena Weaver, Orientation & Mobility Instructor, filled them in on the latest in aids for low visioned people. Tools now available include a pocket calculator, talking clock, large print calendar, and talking watch. A boon to those who have trouble keeping in the lines is a signature line writing device, exercise tapes, and large print books.

Located at 225 Laurel in Pacific Grove, the center offers help through Information and Referral. Options are available for different vision losses,

along with aids mentioned. Appointments are needed to take the training skills program. Closed circuit television is also a new boon for some and continual progress in tools makes life better for those who avail themselves. The Blind & Visually Impaired Center is one of nine local organizations who receive checks monthly from the Thrift Shop sales. Located at 585 Lighthouse, New Monterey, it accepts donations.

ART FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE. The Pacific Grove Art Center, fulfilling its goal of encouraging local artists as well as presenting diversification in media, is showing four different artists, media and techniques.

Jim Temple in the hall gallery is a graduate of MPC, has a degree in Art and has exhibited locally. His primitive art with emphasis on indigenous Native American ceremonial masks is intriguing, representing Falso Face Masks of the past. Sad, comical, fierce, handsome, the gamut is all there. They might be Faces of the Past, but expressions are those of today. John Marsh, in the Elmarie Dyke gallery invites the viewer on a time voyage. Inspired by "old auto friends and wonderful time machines." Hence, his clever and apt titles: Three for Le Mans; Template; Metal Masters; French Ensemble; Taking the Lines Off; Speed Shape and Sorrow Concept. The David Henry Gill Gallery (the main one with the historical original Masonic ceiling fixture) features Keith Lingberg, Carmel artist. His large, bright creations are products of his imagination, he says, representing his feeling of freedom. Heinz Hubler delights with his beautiful rich and elaborate photographs of Carnival of Venice, Italy, in 1995.

These four artists resulted in 480 visitors opening night and will be at the PGAC through Feb. 23. Climb the stairs, it's worth it.

Pt. Pinos Lighthouse expands tour hours

With visits to the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse up 100 percent over last year, the Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers has announced extended tour hours.

Thursdays and most major holidays have been added to the current Saturday and Sunday tour schedule. Tour hours are 1 pm until 4 pm. As with PG's other major attractions, admission is free.

The Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers, a group of local lighthouse enthusiasts, recently joined hands with the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse and Pt. Sur State Historic Park to train additional volunteer Docents and workers for both lighthouses. A class for lighthouse volunteers will start Thursday, Feb. 1. People interested in preserving a fascinating part of early California history will receive more information by calling 649-7139.

Grove firefighter wins national honor

Elizabeth Dawkins, Public Education Officer and EMS Trainer with the PG Fire Department, is one of four winners in a nationwide competition.

The Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation awarded Dawkins in its 1995 Scholarship competition. Dawkins is currently working toward her Masters in Public Administration with Golden Gate University.

It's official

PGUSD begins search for superintendent

The PG School District has set a March 15 deadline for application packets from those to be considered for Superintendent of Schools.

The Board of Education seeks "an energetic, dynamic, visionary and transformational leader and experienced manager, with a proven record of success, to lead the Pacific Grove Unified School District into the educational challenges of the future."

The School Board, staff, parents, members of the business community and numerous community representatives provided comments and suggestions on qualifications for the new superintendent. Their criteria will be utilized during the screening, interviewing, and final decision-making process. Each candidate's application and qualifications will be evaluated by a representative screening committee.

A representative District Committee will interview selected candidates and make recommendations to the Board of Education. The Board will then select those to be interviewed, while collecting additional information, including contact with appropriate individuals in the candidates' home communities.

Interim Superintendent, Jay Cobb, will continue to carry out the role and functions of the Superintendent and assist with the Superintendent search process. The Board expects to select and announce the new Superintendent by the May 2 Board meeting.

PG has Great Taste--

Local education benefits from soiree

Pacific Grove is gearing up for the annual Great Taste of PG on Sunday, Feb. 4, at The Inn at Spanish Bay.

This is a major fundraising event for PG PRIDE, an organization which is in its 14th year of providing financial support to Pacific Grove schools.

Participants will enjoy an evening of food sampling and wine tasting provided by local restaurants and wineries, while enjoying the ambiance of The Inn at Spanish Bay.

A silent auction is held as part of this event with items contributed by merchants, parents, teachers and students.

The black-tie optional event will be held from 5-8 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call 373-2891 for reservations.

PG PRIDE exists to help meet classroom needs imposed by cutbacks in public funding. In its short history, PG PRIDE has made more than \$350,000 in contributions to



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A true Christmas story

Editor:

Once upon a time, this past Christmas, in the little town of Pacific Grove, an elderly lady, on a limited income, wanted to leave something in an envelope for the two garbage collectors, who gave her excellent service throughout the year.

She had only \$4 — which had to last her to the first of the year. She told this to the two men, so they would understand that she really didn't have enough to give.

Going back into her apartment, she closed the door. Moments later she heard a knock, and, lo and behold, the two men tried to gift her with a box of cookies, a box of candy, and \$20. She refused, but they insisted, and walked away. She left the gifts on the table and kept them as a memento of the true spirit of Christmas.

The Recipient,
Pacific Grove
(Name withheld by request)

Looking for Fogg

Editor:

I have had the good fortune to see your interesting newspaper.

I wonder if any of your readers remember a young man (1941) by the name of Fred Fogg. He joined the Navy Seabees and after a few visits while he was in the service, we lost track of him.

We grew up in New Monterey and Pacific Grove and miss some of our old friends.

Dorothy Files Smith
Salinas (449-5593)

Reconsider WAVE funding

The following comments were pulled from an open memo to the PG City Council:

I strongly urge the City Council to seriously reconsider its financial support of WAVE buses and the routing of the WAVE buses.

My observations of WAVE passengers during weekdays turned up zero to a handful of riders per bus. On weekends, no more than six to eight riders were on the buses at peak hours, and buses at non-peak hours carried few, if any, riders.

The alleged 18,825 riders (a figure disputed by MST as not possible and including repeat rides by the same "riders") may have generated perhaps \$9,400 in farebox revenue. This amount does not cover the cost of an estimated driver wage of \$10 per hour, for 1,000 hours of bus operation over the roughly 100 operating days of the WAVE at 10 hours per day.

Several buses would be required to sustain PG stops every 30 minutes, as proposed, and MST projects a \$60,000 cost to extend service to the Asilomar Conference Center. How many riders are necessary to just break even on this extension?

There is no economic justification to PG taxpayers to have the WAVE travel beyond Lovers Point on the loop around Asilomar. Visitors should be shuttled to downtown PG from the Aquarium. Possibly a Lovers Point stop could be justified, but it is already a heavily impacted area.

The buses add more traffic to an already congested Ocean View Boulevard. I have seen motorists, roller bladers, runners, walkers, and cyclists weave and stop due to the buses. These are accidents waiting to happen. In one case, I observed a woman fall with her bicycle as she stopped because of a WAVE bus loading passengers. When the various users converge, what are the rules of the road? Autos don't yield very often. In fact, they tend to pass slow vehicles.

Joseph G. San Miguel,
Pacific Grove

Shore Lines

By Neill Gardner

Song and I ran up to Portland last summer. We visited the old homestead over in Hazel Dell. Whoever named that place deserves a monument. You'll never persuade me that living in a town called Podunk doesn't have an adverse effect on the psyche. Hazel Dell: No wonder I turned out so sweet.

Standing here on the bare edge of the jolly season, I keep harking back to a Christmas tree we had on the farm during the days of Lindberg's flight, the Dempsey-Tunney fight and Al Smith's run for the White House.

There was snow on the ground when they put me in charge of securing the tree. That involved harnessing old Blaze, rounding up a well-honed falling ax and a log chain and heading for Henry Ducharme's woods.

You don't just chip down any old tree when you're on this kind of mission. You walk around about a jillion of them, sizing them up from every angle. It's a fearful responsibility to place on a ten-year-old's shoulders.

Of course, part of the burden falls on the horse. When there's only the two of you, you turn to her for advice. If she whispers just right you know you've found the proper tree. Or that she's anxious to get back to her oats.

It doesn't take any Paul Bunyan to fall a Christmas tree. But you have to make sure you drop it in the right spot. And y'gotta get the clevis and the chain and the whiffletree in the proper conjunction. It ain't no job for a city kid.

BLAZE AND I hauled one of the

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VIVECA LOHR, executive director of Meals on Wheels in Pacific Grove, received a \$500 check from Grove resident **Jake Shammass**, past president of the Arab-American Club of Monterey Peninsula. The club's annual fund-raiser "Arab Nights" benefits community organizations annually. Niniv Abraham of Monterey is president. *Beacon photo*



PG guides neighbors to tourist favorites

Monterey tourism officials came to PG last month for a tour of their neighbor's favorite places.

The staff of the Monterey Visitors Center — a group of eight — toured the Museum of Natural History, Point Pinos

Lighthouse, the Monarch Habitat Sanctuary, Asilomar, the American Tin Cannery Factory Outlets, downtown PG and several inns.

The tour concluded at Whitey's Place (at the Tin Cannery) where proprietor Jeff White hosted the group for lunch.

"Educational, informative and delightful," reported Karen Radford, Monterey Visitors Center manager.

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OPINION

The unanimous vote

ON MORE than one occasion in recent months, applicants appearing before P.G.'s Architectural Review Board have been cautioned by the chair. They were warned that due to the absence of several members, their project would have to get unanimous support from those remaining.

On many occasions, one or more seats are empty because of some perceived or real conflict of interest. The applicant lives down the street from a member or is his brother-in-law or might buy his paint from someone the member knew in high school.

Under the rules of the game, an absentee member counts precisely as does a negative vote. If three members are missing, an applicant must get all four of the remaining votes.

Given the nature of the beast, that's easier said than done. Those folks have more concerns than the father of a young lady leaving on her first date. They hate flat roofs, vinyl windows and the Union Oil ball with a purple passion.

We recall one female ARB member who stomped her foot and declared that while she didn't know exactly why she didn't like a project, she was still going to vote against it.

It's hard to get unanimity out of a bunch like that. A simple majority of those voting would be tough enough. Someone should ask the city attorney to level the playing field. -- Neill Gardner

Fisher is needed

MORRIS FISHER'S terms as City Councilman and Mayor marked an era of good feeling for Pacific Grove. He appreciated the value of a close relationship with Pebble Beach and other communities. Fisher has declared his intention to run for public office in the 1997 election.

That's good news.

Fisher would never have held still for the anti-business polarization that has gripped City Hall over the past decade. He is not among those who look on "profit" as a dirty word. Nor will he spend his waking hours trying to dream up new ordinances to restrict the activities of Grovians.

Fisher would never join those who want to impose their will on coming generations. He will not be a party to replacement of the city's flexible charter with a general plan that wants to dot every i and cross every T for the next thousand years.

It has not gone unnoticed that while out-of-office mayors and councilmembers return to meeting after meeting to make sure their will be done, Fisher has contented himself with an occasional mild letter to the editor.

One of Fisher's more endearing qualities has been his willingness to change his mind when presented with new facts. He listens and he responds.

As things stand, Fisher says he intends to run for City Council. We hope someone will talk him into seeking the mayor's chair. His experience and middle-of-the-road attitude should be just what the old town needs. --Neill Gardner

Shore Lines

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most symmetrical Douglas firs you ever saw into the back yard and hollered for Ma to come out and tell us what a fine job we'd done. It was only a little the worse for wear from a spot where the snow was a mite sparse.

Aside from an urge to poke a wash cloth through my noggin from one ear to another, my Ma never gave me a bit of trouble. She put her blessing on our tree.

It remained for my Old Man (I never called him that out loud) to saw about four feet off the bottom so the tree would fit inside the house. I remember that Al Smith lost the election, too. Heard about it on the radio.

Thots while shaving



by Eric Colby

Happy New Year! Well, it's another opportunity for a fresh start. What an institution the new year is. Wake up to a new day in a new life. Another chance to do it right, this time. God bless us one and all.

Nice decorations. Some grumbling was heard in the street about Christmas decorations that were meager. Frankly, I thought the subtle wreaths and lights on the new light poles were just enough. Maybe next year red wreaths will be used on the green poles for a little contrast. A season without the carnival lighting across Lighthouse Avenue was refreshing. The Old Grove Theatre building took a stab at getting dressed up.

Reach out and touch someone

We read about the boy who allegedly called area residence, posing as a policeman, to falsely report someone in the family had been involved in an accident.

Many of us have lived the nightmare of such a phone call. We're the ones who can't turn off the mental recording of the voice, the weight of the words, every time our phones ring in the night.

A few years ago, on Jan. 19 -- the same date the 14-year-old boy reportedly made the prank calls -- a young man named Steve was celebrating his birthday and about to graduate with a 4.0 from tech school in Arizona. On the night before his graduation, the night before he was to be home again, his mother received a call. Someone in her family had been involved in a serious accident. A fatal accident. Her son Steve was coming home in a box.

In the beginning, we think we are alone in tragedy. Eventually we learn how so many others have also felt their blood turn cold with shock, and how the simple act of breathing became an apparently voluntary act.

Please, youngsters, don't call a parent when you make your prank calls. You cannot know -- until you are parents yourselves -- the unrelenting sound of a voice repeating your worst nightmare. -- Janis Cain

'Twas a great idea but I recommend a slightly smaller lightbulb next year. Nader Agha deserves applause for the nice window displays this year in the Holman Building. It added a lot to the holiday ambience on Lighthouse Ave.

Victorian Corner. Paul and Sandy Aliotti recently reopened their Italian-American restaurant following a significant remodel that really spiffed up the interior of this venerable Victorian landmark at the corner of Fountain and Lighthouse. The Aliottis, who both were born in Sicily, will be celebrating 20 years of their ownership of the Victorian Corner this year. If you haven't stopped by lately, you're in for a very pleasant surprise.

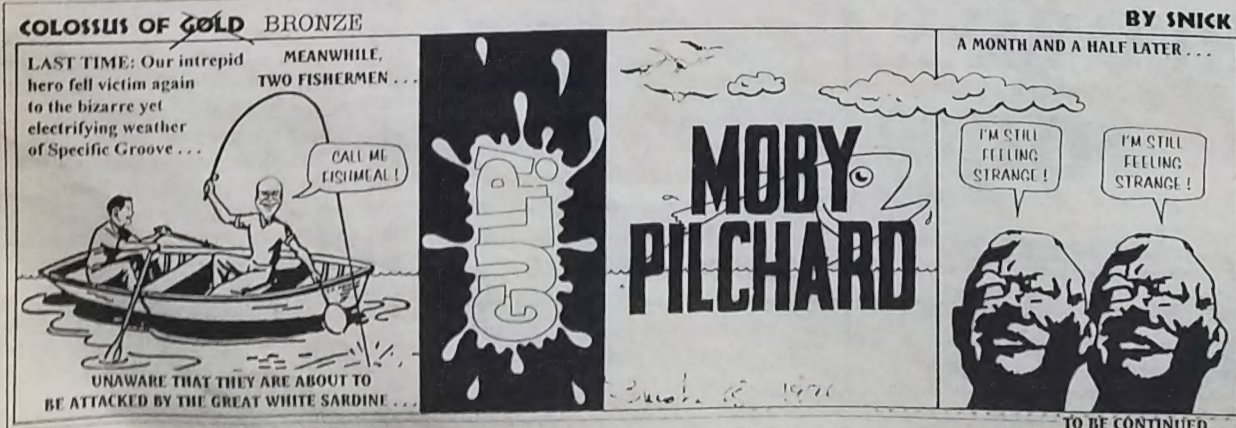
Youth Center. A bid has been accepted by the city council of \$569,000 to construct the Youth Center Building at Laurel and 16th Street. This is a structure to be built on a three-year old foundation originally constructed for a 5,400 sf Community Development Department building which was abandoned due to a curse put on the project resulting from misdirected planning, bureaucratic bumbling, and defective workmanship by an incompetent general contractor.

This new construction price brings the total costs of this building to \$811,068 of which around \$138,500 is in architectural fees, \$20,000 in windows (stored at the DPW yard) and about \$75,000 in foundation costs, plus an additional \$15,000 in "hush" money paid by the city council to the contractor whose work it terminated. The original estimate for constructing the CDD building was \$450,000.

Much of the bumbling done on this project, from conception through design and construction, provided ammunition for a local citizen's complaint filed last summer with the Monterey County Grand Jury. Our story of the legacy is set in type and will be published in the next issue of the Beacon.

Rec Trail. If you haven't gone for a decent walk lately, I urge you to get out on the Grove's section of the Recreation Trail from Eardly to Lover's Point. It's in beautiful condition and is being maintained superbly bow our Public Works Dept. You owe yourself a treat.

Expunge TV Porn. When I subscribed to MPTV I discovered a gratuitous offering by the franchisee of sound plus scrambled images of men and women engaged in various combinations of fornication. Not being interested in having that kind of energy piped into my home I called to have it switched off. I was told it couldn't be done. Few months later, I said to myself, "What do they mean it can't be done." I called back and demanded that it be turned off. A guy came out the very next day, fiddled with wires and ended the sound and images. If you feel as I do, or aren't interested in your kids listening and gawking at this stuff, have it turned off.



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Slice of Life

by Elaine Breen

SIMPLIFY! or THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATION

There seem to be a lot of books now about simplifying, minimizing, doing without, getting poor, being happy and carefree. This is a good thing for us all to do and I am cutting way down.

At Christmas we eliminated dessert and the drawing for gifts. The babies opened some things which was fun to watch and someone arrived with a few homemade cookies which we pounced on and devoured before they were properly unwrapped, getting a little tinsel in our teeth.

For the new year I have eliminated gardening. I've been taking bets on what is going to win in my front yard — the kikiyu grass, the large or small oxalis, or the evening primrose. I am betting on the primrose. It is a sneaky little thing with a coy wild rose-like flower. It has already taken over the Santa Barbara daisies and the wallflowers. The deer love it and hop over the fence and grab any little old blossom so we never see them. The oxalis has beaten up the woolly thyme. No more gardening. I will simply play armchair general and watch the battle from my front window.

Next thing we are doing without is dinner. I try to eat lunch out as often as possible and cook a veggie at night. We wander out to the kitchen at odd times and put stuff on trays, take it to our respective desk or TV set. Around eleven pm we stroll out again and get some shredded wheat.

I eliminated ironing a long time ago

Water supply goals subject of workshops

The second of two "town hall" meetings on community water supply goals is set for Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:30-9:30 pm at the Oldmeyer Center in Seaside. The first was held Jan. 24 in Carmel.

Sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors, issues to be discussed include conservation efforts vs. new water supply facilities; whether water projects should solve regional problems or focus on local problems; and whether solutions to water shortages should be comprehensive or phased over time.

The MPWMD is a public agency responsible by law for (a) water supply planning for the Monterey Peninsula, (b) management of the water resources of the Carmel River basin and Seaside Coastal ground water basin, (c) promotion of conservation and reclamation, and (d) protection of the Carmel River environment.

Voters rejected a recent bond measure to build a new Carmel River Dam.

feeling that it is uncivilized. I've found that vacuuming in corners usually is not rewarded. No one says, "Oh, your corners are so clean!" so I don't do corners unless someone is coming — from a distant state.

We eliminated one car, staying with the labor intensive 1982 Volvo (made for a tall Swede) — encourages one to walk.

Son Bill up in Garberville says he is a minimalist. That must mean that he doesn't eliminate but just minimalizes. He must do a little ironing, a little cooking, a little gardening. I prefer the clean sweep. Get rid of it all. (Except the stuff the kids made for me at school, all unsigned of course.)

There are people I'd like to eliminate — the various and sundry, sometimes tired and bedraggled, ahead of me at the post office. I would simplify my life by simply leaping over the barricade and shoving into first in line. But I'm told that is not done here in Peaceful Forest.

Of course, one would like not to be the one eliminated. One should be careful. It's so easy to eliminate Mama by putting her in a safe place — with a very simple life style.

Grand Jury: Lukewarm criticism of Rebar Park

by Neill Gardner

Monterey ured only mild criticism of the manner in which the city has handled the ill-fated Community Center Building.

Responding to concerns about the propriety of using \$220,000 in affordable housing money to finance the project, the report says only that the Community Development Director (Tony Lobay) gave assurance that "use of the grant money was legal."

In the complaint to the Grand Jury, it was charged that "the competitive bidding process was bypassed due to a personal friendship with a city official and political connections with members of the Council."

The Grand Jury found that Councilmembers have not always withdrawn from voting on matters which may conflict with their personal or business interests.

It also recommends that the city attorney use "prudent judgment in requesting outside opinion in questionable circumstances . . . which might give the appearance of impropriety."

Decisions on the building were made within the purview of the officials involved, the report reads. Then it cautions them to be "circumspect about their personal relationships with persons doing business with the city."

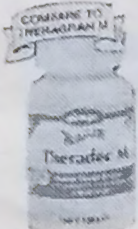
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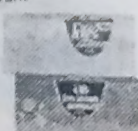

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